

Remarks

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. The Examiner has required Applicant to restrict the claims of the pending application to one of the following inventions:

- Invention I: a coupling (encompassing claims 1-11); or
- Invention II: a method of accommodating angular shaft misalignment (encompassing claim 12).

In response to the Examiner's requirement, but without conceding the propriety thereof, Applicant elects Invention I (claims 1-11).

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant identifies the materials listed below and on the form accompanying this submission:

U.S. PATENTS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Inventors</u>	<u>Date</u>
6,325,722	Ciotola	December 4, 2001
5,692,705	Bellais	December 2, 1997
5,295,912	Muller, et al.	March 22, 1994
4,318,281	Cutler, et al.	March 9, 1982
3,798,924	Downey	March 26, 1974
2,930,211	Guy	March 29, 1960

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), Applicant states that the materials were first cited in an International Search Report mailed March 23, 2005 (*i.e.* less than three months prior to submission of this paper) in connection with a PCT application claiming priority to the above-identified application. Applicant does not concede that the

materials listed above constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

Applicant believes no fee is due in connection with submission of this paper. If, however, Applicant's belief is mistaken, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 11-0855 for any such fee presently due.

Conclusion

Applicant requests that the Examiner allow claims 1-11 and that a patent containing these claims issue in due course.

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